

**From:** Mary Boening  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Mon, Jan 27, 2003 7:54 AM  
**Subject:** FCC don't allow media monopolies

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Commissioner: I urge you to make sure the FCC does not relax or drop these vital regulatory rules.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Boening

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**From:** Heidi Carter  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Mon, Jan 27, 2003 6:58 AM  
**Subject:** FCC protect media independence

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**From:** Nadia Rodnova  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Mon, Jan 27, 2003 7:00 AM  
**Subject:** Keep media free and competitive

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**From:** Lucas Larson  
**To:** Michael Copps  
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Sincerely,

Lucas Larson

**From:** mailQhand-shake.com  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** 1/29/03 10:21AM  
**Subject:** Media Concentration: SAVE OUR AIRWAVES!

Chairman Michael K. Powell:

Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review -  
Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules  
and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202  
of the Telecommunications Act of 1996,  
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking,  
MM Docket No. 02-277, (rel. Sept. 23, 2002)

I am writing to you today to reply to the public comments on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. To promote competition, diversity and local content, the FCC should retain the current media ownership rules and impose stricter public interest requirements.

The studies commissioned by the FCC are flawed and incomplete. By allowing our media outlets to merge print and broadcast facilities a greater restriction on the breadth of news and information available to citizens to act in the public interest will result. SIMPLY LOOK AT THE CLEAR CHANNEL LAWSUIT AND JUSTICE DEPT INVESTIGATION TO SEE THAT CONTROL OF THE MEDIA SILENCES THE PEOPLE AND SMALL BUSINESS.

The public interest will best be served by preserving media ownership rules in question in this proceeding.

In addition, I strongly encourage the Commission to hold hearings in all parts of the country and solicit the widest possible participation from the public which will be the most directly affected by the outcomes of these decisions.

Thank you,

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San Francisco, CA. 94114

**From:** Tom Lewis  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** 1/29/03 9:50PM  
**Subject:** Media consolidation & Unemployment

Dear Mr. Powell,

I wonder if you ever pondered that media consolidation has played a significant role in the ongoing up tick in unemployment? In the recorded music industry, you would have to be deaf to not realize that with radio consolidation and the continued pirating of recorded music, jobs are being lost on a daily basis.

Furthermore, I question how deep you and your commission have actually probed into the many tentacles that have arisen with radio consolidation. By simply tracking playlists from stations of a specific genre, one can see the dearth of diversity. The practice of paying to get music played on these behemoth radio chains is real. It does not depend on the integrity of the recorded material. **As** someone who has been in the industry for some time, I can tell you firsthand the widespread corruption of the public's airwaves is permeating the nation.

Who is being served? The answer is companies like Clear Channel and the Mays family. Musicians, producers, programmers, and most importantly listeners are being weaned into an Orwellian view of one of America's primary means of musical delivery and diversity. YOU and YOUR COMMISSION have the power to get us back on the righteous course of integrity. Please make every attempt possible to instill regulations that protect musical diversity and regional color back to our radio airwaves.

Sincerely,  
Tom Lewis

**From:** EliotByrne@aol.com  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** 1/29/03 1:30PM  
**Subject:** media diversity

I urge you to do all that you can to maintain what media diversity we have.  
Please do not allow ownership of tv and newspaper within the same locale.  
Real news is already difficult enough to come by, sifting through layers of  
spin and voices of anonymous government officials whose opinionated  
pronouncements are printed as news and interpreted as facts by a busy public.

Caryl Byrne

**From:** Adam Brown  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** 1/29/03 3:16PM  
**Subject:** Media Ownership Rules

Dear Mr. Powell:

I am writing to tell you of my opposition to the proposed changes by your agency to the current Media Ownership Rules.

Further concentration of media ownership does not serve our democratic society based upon democratic principles, but instead undermines it. We need these rule to prevent our country from being run a few selected few. Media in the hands of a few corporations and government agencies would be able to control their people and move the world towards war. **We** need open media to voice everyones opinion; not just the views of the corporations. The proposed changes to the current Media Ownership Rules completely undermines this principle that so many Americans have fought to defend from our countrys birth to the present.

Furthermore, the series of reports released by the FCC about the current media marketplace are focused almost entirely on the economic impact of relaxing the ownership rules. They ignore the public's interest in a diverse and independent press. You have also scheduled only one public hearing regarding this issue. The FCC has barely publicized the proposed changes, and combined with a very short public comment period I can only surmise that you hope to sneak these changes past the American people. I certainly didnt find out about them as a result of anything that was done by your agency.

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Sincerely yours,

Adam Brown

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**From:** Liz  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** 1/30/03 12:15AM  
**Subject:** Media Ownership Rules

Michael K. Powell

Chairman

Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Sincerely yours,  
Elizabeth Barnett

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**From:** Matt Sonn  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** 1/28/03 4:32PM  
**Subject:** Media Restrictions

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Sincerely yours,

Matt Sonn

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**From:** Robert Byrnes  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** 1/22/03 6:36PM  
**Subject:** New Rule Proposals

Dear Chairman Powell,

I strongly protest the proposed rule changes that would further deregulate corporate media consolidation. It has gone too far already. witness the concentrated ownership of radio stations in this country. A handful of large corporations are narrowing and slanting news coverage to the detriment of democracy. Media diversity is essential and should be your number one goal. Do not weaken existing regulations.

Sincerely,  
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Camarillo, CA  
93010

**From:** r.dasche  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** 1/23/03 7:04AM  
**Subject:** New understanding of Federal Communications Commission

Dear Michael Powell:

Only recently have I begun paying attention to the workings of the FCC, enough to realize how vast is its power, how wide-ranging is its reach, how intimately it is connected to my daily life through my phone, my TV and my FM radio.

I regret that I am so late in acquiring this understanding, even though I take citizenship very seriously.

Since the means of my enlightenment. Public Radio and Internet. is under your control, you can expect to begin hearing from me on several matters over which I feel mounting concern.

The most compelling of my concerns is the concentration of media through repeated business mergers, so that it becomes increasingly difficult for me to avoid adding to the coffers of Rupert Murdoch, for one. The outrage I feel is unbounded when, almost no matter where I turn for a connection to sources of information, there ahead of me, raking in my precious dollars, is a man whose values I abhor and resist with all my might, to little avail. This is WRONG. A single corporate entity should NOT have ownership of SO MANY media outlets all in my area concurrently!

My only resort is to Public TV and Public Radio, and, since their funds have been cut so drastically over the years, I even must suspect and beware corporate influence in that sacrosanct area!

These are the airwaves that I, as a citizen, OWN, and that; Murdoch, as a Corporation, is GIVEN access to, virtually free! Infuriating. Sir! Especially in these troubled times, when our democracy is increasingly at stake, making it essential that we citizens have access to as broad a range of opinion as possible, rather than an ever narrower spectrum, and THAT narrow spectrum controlled by someone with as few scruples and as intense a desire for power as Murdoch.

I do not want there to be any further deregulation. In fact, there needs to be MORE regulation, not less! Your job is to protect the interests of ALL citizens, not only those who own corporations. I am greatly appreciative of the views expressed by Commissioner Michael Copps at a forum held at Columbia Law School recently, heard via Pacifica Radio on KPFK at 90.7 FM.

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**From:** Ben Vaughan Sarle  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** 1/28/03 1:36PM  
**Subject:** Please listen to the people

Michael K. Powell

Chairman

Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Powell:

I am writing to tell you of my opposition to the proposed changes by your agency to the current Media Ownership Rules.

If we take a look around the world we realize that nearly all mass media is owned and controlled by a handful of conservative capitalists. There are barely any alternative means of distributing the truth (not controlled by corporations) to the people, our news, and our ideas. This is email to tell you that people are uniting worldwide to take a stand to have news that tells the TRUTH.

Further concentration of media ownership does not serve our democratic society based upon democratic principles, but instead undermines it. Following World War II, our government placed restrictions upon news media outlet ownership because of how totalitarian regimes used controlled media concentrated in the hands of a few corporations and government agencies to control their people and move the world towards war. The proposed changes to the current Media Ownership Rules completely undermines this principle that so many Americans have fought to defend from our country's birth to the present.

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Sincerely yours,

Ben Sarle

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**From:** PALOMA MARUGAN  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** 1/27/03 3:15PM  
**Subject:** PLEASE PRESERVE MEDIA DIVERSITY!!!

Dear Mr. Powell,

By means of this note, I would like to urge you to stop the deregulation of corporate media consolidation. This trend is leading increasingly toward absolute control of our major information sources -TV networks, radio, newspapers, etc.- by a small number of large corporations, which are narrowing and slanting news coverage and other important information to maximize profits at the expense of the public interest.

It is my understanding that preserving MEDIA DIVERSITY should be a top priority for the FCC. and that media concentration cripples democracy. I therefore urge you to preserve -and refrain from weakening- the rule which prohibits cross ownership of newspapers and television stations in the same market.

Thank you for your understanding and action in this regard,

Respectfully,

Paloma Marugan, New York City

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**From:** Ryan Ebbs  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** 1/22/03 1:13PM  
**Subject:** please read

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Please take this email serious sir as for i feel that  
**the** freedom of our nation could be in jeopardy.

Sincerely yours,

Ryan **Ebbs**

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**From:** Rich Homan  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** 1/27/03 6:34PM  
**Subject:** Please read.

I think your proposal to abandon media regulations. in sense of media ownership, is flat-out wrong. It's the most 'undemocratic' thing you could do. Everyone has a voice in democracy, and you're destroying that concept.

I know what'll happen if you go through with it. Any protestors, or any people opposing the ruling party, will be shunned out. Or worse, start yellow journalism all over again.

Media is powerful and influential, and that's why everyone who watches CNN and MSNBC (to name a few), automatically get the wrong idea about my sort of people. If you care at all, about what people think, then you'll take this into consideration. If not, you're just another fascist.

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**From:** jfbamat@hotmail.com  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** 1/29/03 9:11PM  
**Subject:** Please stop concentrating media

Chairman Michael K. Powell:

Before the  
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Washington, DC 20554

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and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202  
of the Telecommunications Act of 1996,  
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.  
MM Docket No. 02-277, (rel. Sept. 23, 2002)

I am writing in regard to Docket No. 02-277, the Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules.

I am a recent college graduate looking for a job in the television industry. Through my personal research of current trends in the industry (where the jobs are) and where I should apply, I have come to understand first-hand the problem with media consolidation. There seems to be only a very few number of companies to apply to for work. As I understand, there are only a half dozen companies that control most of the industry I hope to work in. I fear that in the next few years, with more mergers, it will be increasingly difficult to attain and retain a position. What will competitive salaries look like when only two companies control all the jobs in media? The spectrum of views presented will be severely limited. How can I develop creative television productions if my views go against those of the parent company?

In promoting its supposed goals of fair competition, diversity and local voice in today's media market, I strongly believe that the FCC should retain all of the current media ownership rules now in question. These rules serve me and other people that are in the same boat, by limiting the market power of the huge, dominant companies and players in the television industry

I urge the FCC to preserve the public interest by keeping the media ownership rules in question intact.

Also, I support the FCC's plan to hold a public hearing on this matter in Richmond, VA in February of 2003. I strongly encourage the Commission to hold similar hearings in all parts of the country and solicit the widest possible participation from the public. I live in the NY metropolitan area and was happy that the FCC held a hearing at Columbia University this past month. I encourage the Commissioners to come out and meet some of the normal people who have an interest in this issue.

Thank you,

Joseph Bamat

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**From:** Joelle Girone  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** 1/29/03 12:17PM  
**Subject:** Preserve Diversity and Openness in the Media and on the Internet

Joelle Girone  
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January 29, 2003

Federal Communications Commission Chair Michael K. Powell  
445 12th St SW  
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Washington, DC 20554

Chair Powell:

The Federal Communications Commission is responsible for ensuring that the media serve the public interest. I am concerned that the FCC is acting on behalf of big business rather than the people.

It is clear that the FCC has stepped up its efforts to de-regulate the media and telecommunications industries. You must act now to halt further media consolidation and to preserve the openness and diversity of the Internet.

As a supporter of women's rights, I am concerned that the current media merger free-for-all threatens to rob us all of the independent voices, views and ideas that nourish a pluralistic, democratic society. Ownership consolidation is squeezing out what little diversity remains in the marketplace.

The media are more than just a business; they bring information to people that affects their lives. We cannot have a healthy democracy, and women cannot pursue equal rights, if we are uninformed on the issues. The media have a responsibility to serve the public interest and ensure that all voices are heard. It is your job to promote this.

Please remember U.S. consumers and citizens when you review any further regulations. The media giants already control far too much of our precious information resources.

Sincerely,

**Joelle Girone**



**From:** Dan Sutton  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** 1/29/03 11:08PM  
**Subject:** Radio consolidation

Dear Chairman Powell:

I write to you as a member of the voting public, as well as someone who has worked in the music industry. The FCC's relaxation of regulations prohibiting consolidation are an enormous disappointment.

The consolidation of radio station ownership, coupled with the increase in barriers to small community radio stations, has reduced the quality of radio. It has also had an enormously deleterious effect on the music industry. Most importantly, it harms the free flow of ideas that forms the bedrock of our culture.

I am certain that you will never see this, and that if you did, it would be irrelevant: minds are made up. If by some strange chance you come to see this, please take a moment to reflect upon the cynicism you have fostered in me.

I hold little hope of impacting your actions through my writing. However, voting has a way of working wonders, and I would like you to know that the public is increasingly aware of the FCC's policies, and how it affects what they hear.

Please: stop the consolidation of radio.

Sincerely,  
Dan Sutton